

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., Oct 14th, 1886.

Sir:

The Treasurer of the German Savings Bank of Baltimore, under date of 9th inst. makes complaint to the Department that he forwarded a lot of uncurrent gold coins to your Mint with the request that the coin ing value of the same be sent him, and that the coins were returned by you, the package unbroken, with the information that "uncurrent gold coins are not received except as regular deposits for coinage in sums of not less than \$100 in value."

On 9th July last, the Secretary of the Treasury instructed all Assistant Treasurers of the United States to refuse any light-weight gold coin, and at the same time directed

that they should be received at the mints at Philadelphia, New Orleans & San Francisco and the Assay Office at New York at their coming value. A copy of that letter was sent you.

The gold coin forwarded by the Treasurer of the German Savings Bank of Baltimore should have been received by you and its coming value returned to him. This coin could be received and paid for in the same manner as uncurrent silver coin when presented in sums of \$3 and upwards.

Inasmuch as the Bank referred to forwarded these coins to your Mint at the instance of the Treasury Department, it is a hardship that they should be returned, and the Bank compelled to pay express charges both ways. I have written to the Treasurer of the Bank stating that if he will forward the coins to you, they will

be received; and I think it nothing more than
 just that the Expressage should, under the
 circumstances, be paid by the Mint

For your future guidance, I would state
 that whenever any uncurrent or light-weight U.S.
 gold coin is presented to you in any sums whatever,
 you will receive and pay for the same at its
 intrinsic value, as it is very desirable to get such
 coin out of circulation, which will avoid a
 great-deal of annoyance and complaint. That
 was the object of the Secretary's letter of 9th July.

Very respectfully

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J. P. Kimball
Director

Rejected Gold Coins
from the German Savings
Bank of Baltimore
should have been re-
-ceived under Treasury
Circular of July 9/86
with regard to abated
& uncurrent gold coins.
(Pay no message me
way in this case.)



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Bureau of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.,
October 14, 1886

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On 9th July last, the Secretary of the Treasury instructed all Assistant Treasurers of the United States to deface any light weight gold coin, and at the same time directed that they should be received at the Mints at Philadelphia, New Orleans & San Francisco and the Assay Office at New York at their coining value. A copy of that letter was sent you.

The Gold coin forwarded by the Treasurer of the German Savings Bank of Baltimore should have been received by you and its coining value returned to him. This coin could be received and paid for in the same manner as uncurrent silver coin when presented in sums of \$3 and upwards.

In as much as the Bank referred to forwarded these coins to your mint at the instance of the Treasury Department, it is a hardship that they should be returned, and the bank compelled to pay express charges both ways. I have written to the Treasurer of the Bank stating that if he will forward the coins to you, they will be received; and I think it nothing more than just that the expressage should, under the circumstances be paid by the Mint.

For your future guidance, I would state that whenever any uncurrent or light weight U.S. gold coin is presented to you in any sums whatever, you will receive and pay for the value at its coining value, as it is very desirable to get such coin out of circulation, which will avoid a great deal of annoyance and complaint. That was the object of the Secretary's letter of 9th July.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director

Hon. Danl. M. Fox
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